

this title to include the American Ex-Prisoners of War within the definition of “private corporations established under Federal law”. Section 1103 of this title requires a report to Congress on the annual audit of private corporations established under Federal law.

#### **§ 2112. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter**

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 97-234, § 13, Aug. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 263.)

#### **§ 2113. “State” defined**

For purposes of this chapter, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 97-234, § 14, Aug. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 263.)

#### **§ 2114. Tax-exempt status**

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in title 26. If the corporation fails to maintain such status, the charter granted hereby shall expire.

(Pub. L. 97-234, § 15, Aug. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 263.)

#### **§ 2115. Exclusive right to name and emblem**

The corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right to use and to allow or refuse to others the use of the terms “American Ex-Prisoners of War”, and the official American Ex-Prisoners of War emblem or any colorable simulation thereof. No powers or privileges hereby granted shall, however, interfere or conflict with established or vested rights.

(Pub. L. 97-234, § 16, Aug. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 263.)

#### **§ 2116. Failure to comply with restrictions or provisions**

If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this chapter<sup>1</sup> the charter granted hereby shall expire.

(Pub. L. 97-234, § 17, Aug. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 264.)

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#### **§ 2201. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter**

Former Members of Congress, organized and incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia [D.C. Code, § 29-501 et seq.], is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter.

(Pub. L. 97-427, § 1, Jan. 8, 1983, 96 Stat. 2265.)

#### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia, referred to in text, probably means the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act, Pub. L. 87-569, Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 265, as amended, which appears in chapter 5 (§ 29-501 et seq.) of Title 29, Corporations, of the District of Columbia Code.

#### **§ 2202. Powers of corporation**

Former Members of Congress (hereinafter referred to as the “corporation”) shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State or States in which it is incorporated and subject to the laws of such State or States.

(Pub. L. 97-427, § 2, Jan. 8, 1983, 96 Stat. 2265.)

#### **§ 2203. Objects and purposes of corporation**

The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall include the promotion of the cause of good government at the national level by improving the public understanding of the United States Congress as an institution and strengthening its support by the public. The corporation shall function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization as authorized by the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 97-427, § 3, Jan. 8, 1983, 96 Stat. 2265.)

#### **§ 2204. Service of process**

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 97-427, § 4, Jan. 8, 1983, 96 Stat. 2265.)

#### **§ 2205. Membership**

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall be as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 97-427, § 5, Jan. 8, 1983, 96 Stat. 2265.)

#### **§ 2206. Board of directors**

The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.